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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORDS MG S

Call letters X W W B G Date first licensed 3-11-55 JIMMY SWAGGART EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION (AL gr 10/14/76 EFF: 10/18/76 xxC. RICHARD MARSH, RECEIVER (AL 12-28-73 EFF: 12-28-73) XWMGS. INC. (BML-7-10-64) XVHRW. INC. (APL 6-21-61 EFF: 7-1-61

THE VOICE OF THE MAUNEE VAILEY, INC. (APL 6-21-61 EFF:

Name of licensee X HOMARD R. WARD

Lima City Road and U.S. Hwy. 20, Perrysburg Township, Ohio (BMP 8-12-59)

X beinling wood, 0.4 mile west of lim City Roa, Perrysburg Township, Chio/x Simons Rd. and US Rt. #20, Ferrysburg Township, Chio (CF 1-8-58) (CF 4-22-

x Dirlam Road, 0.2 mile south of Route 6, 2 miles east of city limits of Bowling Green, Ohio (L 3-11-55)

Transmitter location Dn US Highway 6, 2.5 miles E of E boundary of Bowling Green, Ohio

(CP 10-21-53)

138 N. Main St., wling Green, Ohio (Ltr. 5-12-66) x Lima City Road and U.S. Hwy. 20, Perrysburg Township, Ohio (BMP 8-12-59

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Zip-43402 Main studio location To be determined, Bowling Green, Ohio (CP 10-21-53)

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Date first licensed	WMGS Call letters XNHRW
	Station location
Name of licensee See Card #1	
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BMP-9083	9-9-60	Mod. of	CP(BP-10	84 as mod	ttern and to BC-1T).
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BR-3097	9-28-61	730kc	1kw	Day	0-1 10-1-64
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BR-3097	(L) 6-16-69	Renewal	of Licens	ie & Paul	0-1-70
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BAL-8043	12-28-73	INVOL A	EFF:	12-28-73	
BAL-8727	10/14/76	Vol AL	EFF:10/	18/76	
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Name	HOWARD R. WARD	
	(PO 875 West Wooster Road, Bowling Green, Ohio)	

File No. EP-7409 Rec'd Filed	Dated 10-25-49 10-31-49 10-31-49	Power: 250w Hours of operation: Daytime, DA Trans. location: To be determined In or near Bowling Green, Ohio	G Si pli
AMENDED Rec'a Filed	5-23-53 5-26-53 6-8 -53	Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. Lynne C. Smeby, Engr. AMENDED to install directional antenna, specify transmitter location as On U.S. Highway 6, 2.5 miles E. of E. Boundry of Bowling Green, Ohio, and change type of transmitter (GATES BC-250-GY).	

GRANTED 10-21-53
DOCKET HO. 9589
GRANTED AFTER HEARING
ORDER ISSUED
Subj. properly designed
Chase monitor installed;
ield meas. equip. avail.
on-DA-DA proof.

Date

Raytheon RA-350A-GATES BC-250-GY

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Name HOWARD R. WARD

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMP-6535 Rec'd Filed	5-21-54 5-24-54 5-24-54	Modification of construction permit (RP-7409 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-21-54 to 12-21-54. Hogan & Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	6-7-54
BMP-6605 Rec'd Filed	7-19-54 7-26-54 7-26-54	Modification of construction permit (EP-7409 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Collins 300J) and specify studio location as 2.5 miles East of East Boundry of Bowling Green and 650' South thereof, nr. Bowling Green, Ohio. and move antenna 700' SN of present site. Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson Lynne C. Smeby, Engr.		9-2-54
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File No. EMP-6656 Rec'd Rec'd Filed	Dated 9-4-54 9-8-54 9-22-54 9-24-54	Application for Modification of construction permit (BP-7409 as mod., which sutn. a new standard broadca station) to change type transmitter (RCA BT. hogan & Hartson, Attys. (Corwin Lockwood)	Nature RETURNE st Nes, f:	D - 9-14-54 110-501
BL-5600 Rec'd Filed	12-7-54 12-9-54 12-9-54	License to cover construction permit (RP-7409 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Corwin R, Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	3-11-55
BR-3097 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	6-27-55 8-8-55 8-20-55 8-22-55 8-22-55		The second secon	8-12-55 -Exhibit-9 F-SectI- 9-7-55

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Name HOWARD R. WARD (P.O. - Box 105, Bowling Green, Ohio)

Fire No.	Dated	Application for	Mature	Date
BP-10,884 Rec'd Resabm'td Rec'd	9-10-56 9-17-56 10-22-56 10-25-56	Construction permit to increase power from 250w to lkw, install new transmitter(RCA BTA and make changes in the directional antenna system.	IM) Ba GRANTED	BD: 9-24-56 bed wrong 1-8-58 ring Conditions
Filed	10-25-56	AMENDED to change antenna-trans. location from	n	
AMENDMENT R & F	5-31-57 6-3-57	Dirlam Road, 0.2 mi south of Rte 6, 2 mi east of city limits, Bowling Green, Ohio to Hull-Prairie-and-Reits-Read,-Middleten-Township, Oh make changes in DA system (one add'l tower & incr. hght) and ground system.		
AMENDMENT R & F	7-31-57 8-2-57	Engr Carl E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio AMENDED to change antenna-trans. location to Simons Road and U.S. Rte No.20, Perrysburg Township, Ohio; make changes in DA system (one add'l tower) Atty Dow, Lohnes & Albertson		
SEE CARD	5 FOR AMEND.			
		(Request waiver of Section 3.30 of Rules)	,	

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	tion Date
BP-10,88L AMENDMENT	10-10-57	AMENDED to make changes in DA pattern.	Jan 12	
R&F	10-10-57	Request waiver of Section 3.28(c) of Rules		
BZ_1945 Sec'd	9-19-57 9-23-57	Authority to determine operating cower by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	4-28-58
BMP-8172 Rec'd Filed SEE PAGE 6 AMENDMENT	6-2-58	auth. an incr. in power, chge ant-trans. loc., make chges in DA & gr. systems and install a ne trans.) to chge ant-trans. loc. from Simons Rd and U.S. Rte #20, Perrysburg Township, Ohio TO Bates Road, North of Ford Rd., Perrysburg Township. Ohio: chge studio loc. from Dirlam Road,		4-22-59
		O.2 mile south of Rte 6, 2½ mi east of city limi of Bowling Green, Ohio TO "Same as transmitter" make chges in DA & ground systems and change station location from Bowling Green, Ohio TO PHORYSOUTH CHIEC. WASHINGTON & Albertson	ts	

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMP-8228	8-16-58	Modification of c.p. (BP-10, 8-4) which authorized increase power, install new trans	GRANTE	0 4-22-59
Rec'd	8-18-58	authorized increase power, install new trans	+ to	7-31-59
Filed	8-18-58	mitter (RCA BTA-IN) make changes in antenna	1	
riled	0-10-10	system and change antenna-transmitter location		
*See Amend.	on page	for extension of completion date from 9-8-58		
#7		to		
		Atty's: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson		
- BR-3097	8-2-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	6-21-61
Rec'd	9-15-58			th BL-8105
Filed	9-15-58			
IMP-8172 (rom card #5		TO A MARCON	4 00 50
AMENDMENT	9-10-58	AMENDED to make changes in DA system.	RANTED	4-22-59
The state of the s	-11-58	and studio		
Company of the Compan		AMENDED to change antenna-trans/ location to		
	12-15-58	Lime City Road and Route U.S. 20, Perrysburg		
		Township, Chio and delete request to change station location.		
R&F	12-24-58	station location. AMENDED to make changes in ground system. NUMENT	1	
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
		Per letter of December 15, 1958 station is now represented by law firm of Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Munsey Building, Washington, D.C.		
*Amended R & F	2-24-59 3-6-59	Amended to specify extension of completion date to 6-30-59.	<u>I</u>	
BMP-8172 (CAMENDMENT R & F	ont'd) 3-10-59 3-13-59	AMENDED to change antenna-transmitter location to Deimling Road; O.4 miles west of Lima City Ferrysburg Township, Ohio and delete request to change main studio location.		

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Name HOWARD R. WARD

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMP-8577	5-29-59	Modification of c.p.(BP-10,884 as modified	GRANTED	8-12-59
Rec'd	6-1-59	which authorized increase power, install new		
Filed	6-1-59	transmitter (RCA BTA-1M) make changes in an-		
		tenna system and change antenna-transmitter		
		location) to change transmitter location from		
		Deimling Road, Perrysburg Township, Chic, to		
		ime City Road and Route U.S. Route 20, Perrys-		
		burg. Formship, Chic, and change studio location from 2 ml. east of city limits of Bowling	.	
		Green, Chic. TO Lime City Road and U.S. Route		
		20 Parrysture Township, Ohio, & make changes		
		in antenna (dec. hgt)& change in ground system.		
		Earl Stanley, tty.		
BMP-8619	6-30-59	Mod. of c.p. (BP-10,884 as mod. which auth.	A MOTEON	0.29 50
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		make changes in direction 1 autenus system)	10	12-)1-39
		for extension of completion date from 7-31-39 to 11-30-39.		
		Dev. Lehnes, & Albertson, Attys.		
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File No. BMP-8801 R. & F.	Dated 11-23-59 11-24-59	Application for Mod. of cp (BP-10, P84 as mod. which auth. increase power, install new trans.; make changes in DA & ground systems; change ant- trans. & studio location) for extension of completion date from 12-31-59 to 6-1-60.	Nature GRANTED to	Date 12-23-59 3-31-60
BMP-8921 - R & F	3-4-60 3-8-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-IO884 as modified which authorized increase in power, instl. new transmitter, make charges in antenna system, and change transmitter location, and request waiver of Sect. 3.30 (a) of Rules) for extension of completion date from 3-31-60 to ATTY'S: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson EXYPTYMAXYISTERSY INDICATED BY	GRANTED to	4-22-60 7-15-60

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMP-9021 R % F	6-7-60 6-15-60	Modification of C. P. (SP-10884 as modified which authorized increase in nower, instl. new transmitter, chas. in antenna system & chg. transmitter location & req. waiver of Sect. 3.30 of rules) for extension of completion date from 7-15-60 to 10-15-60. Atty's: Dow, Lohnes Albertson	GRANTED to	7-1-60 10-15-60
AMENDED R. * F.	7-30-60 8-10-60 8-12-60	which authorized increase in power, insti- new transmitter, chgs. in antenna system a chg. transmitter location a request valver of Sect. 3.30 of rules) to make changes in directional autenna pattern. Atty's: Dow, Johnes & Albertson AMENDED to change type trans. to GATES EC-1T.	GRANTED	9-9-60
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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HOWARD R. WARD Name BOWLING GREEN, OHIO Action Nature Date Application for File No. Dated License to cover C.P. (BP-10,884 as modified) 8-3-60 BL-8105 which authorized increase in power, installa-8-5-60 Rec'd tion of a new transmitter (GATES BC-1T), Filed 8-5-60 changes in DA system, change in antennatransmitter location, change in studio loca-Attable of Spanges in Repute (1981-9191 gr 12-22-60) 9_28_60 Voluntary assignment of construction permit BAPL-221 6-21-61 GRANTED 9-30-60 and license to WERW, INC. Recid EFF: 7-1-61 9-30-60 Farl-R.-Stenley,-Atty,-for-Assignor Filed SEE CARD #12 FOR Marron C. Zwicky / Atty. for Assignee AMENDMENT Percy H. Russell, per ltr. of 11-8-60 Modification of C. P. (EP-10884 as modified To be considered as a 10-29-60 BMP-9191 which authorized increase in power, instl. new construction permit. 11-1-60 new transmitter, chgs. in DA system & q. proctor. GRANTED 12-22-60 chg. transmitter location & request waiver of Sect. 3.30 of rules) to make changes in directional antenna pattern. Cond'l re:Phase Mon., Atty's: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson Field meas, equip. & complete non-DA proof.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	e Date
BMP-9372 R.&F.	2-10-61 2-20-61	Mod. of CP(BMP-9191, which auth. changes in the DA pattern) to make changes in the antenna pattern (MEOV).		L-27-51.
		Atty-Dewy-beames-and-Albertsen- No longer r	e resent.	14. Lur. 1-0-0.
BAPL-221 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	3-16-61 3-17-61 3-17-61	A ENDED to change a signor name to The Voice of the Maumee Valley, Inc. (CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BAPL-231)	See Card	#11 for action
BAPL-231 Rec'd Filed	2-8-61 3-7-61 3-7-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to The Voice of the Maumee Valley Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	6-21-61 6-28-61
BML-1937 Rec'd Filed	2-10-61 3-13-61 3-13-61	Modification of License to change station location from Bowling Green, Ohio <u>to</u>	DISMISSED Request of	9-2561 famplicant
BR-3097 Rec'd&Filed	7-27-61	Day of License	GRANTED	9-28-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated Application for		Nature	Date
ML-2083 R. & F.	6-19-64 6-22-64	Mod. of license to change name of licensee to WMGS, INC. Atty: Robert F. Jones	GRANTED	7-10-64
BR-3097 R & F	7-6-64	Renewal of License Robert F. Jones, Atty.	GRANTED After Hear	6-16-69 ring D-1629
MEND recd 3 Supplemental		(order) 5-1-68 re legal. 4-3-68, filed(order) 5-1-68 re legal.	L I .	
R-3097 & F	6-22-70 7-1-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ronald A. Siegel, Atty.		
75 #612739 N Recd. PRESS	JUL 1 4 1971	AMENDED 10-16-70 re: financial data	GRANTED 1	0 -1 9-70
2-16-71 Annu	al filing fe	e \$48.00 deducted from \$105. Renewal fee. Credi	t \$57.00 to	1971.

Form BC-121 September 1969

JIMMY SWAGGART EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

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XXC. RICHARD MARSH, RECEIVER X WMGS,INC. BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BR-3097	7-3-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R&F		Robert B. Jacobi, Atty.	1	
PN Recd.		AMENDED 11-16-73 re: EEO		1
PRESS		AMENDED 12-6-73 re: ascert. of comm. needs;	1	
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BAL-8043	12-10-73	Involuntary assignment of license to	GRANTED	12-28-73
R&F	12-13-73	C. RICHARD MARSH, HEGELVER	EFF:	12-28-73
FEE PD: \$250	#260475		EFF.	12-20-73
CODE 047 (For	With the same of t	Atty - Cohn & Marks		
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BAL -8727	6.15.76	Voluntary assignment of license to	RANTED	10/14/76
R & F	6-21-76	Antimitally destriction of Tregues on	and the state of t	10/18/76
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CODE 047 JU		Atty - Miller Fields	W	64474
PN filed	7/12/90	AMENDED 9-1-76 to reflect current B/C int & fina	incial data	a;
3 - Romend -	8-8-80	statement re programming MAILGRAM filed 10-1-76 re-asreement (purc price	1 (000	mp)
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(BR-3097) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-1-76 as an amendment to pending renewal application. PN1621-066 (Atty. Samuel Miller)

Atty was called 7-2-76 re: Sect. II & Balance Sheet

AMENDED 7-6-76 re: balance sheet

HAL-8727 AMENDED 7/20/76 - Bal. Sheet(Assignor)
AMENDED 10-6-76 to reflect AL of FM KFRN(filed 9-21-76)

(BR-3097) AMENDED 10-28-76 to change name of applicant to "Jimmy Swaggart Evangelistic Association" DEC 1

(BR790531UW) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 5-31-79 as an amendment to pending renewal application. JUL 5 1379 (Atty. Eric L. Bernthal) PRESS:

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING F.

GROADCASTING STATION X W W B G

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Licensee

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
P- 16,423	2-15-65	new	Ohio Radio, Incorporated	730ke, Ikw DA-D Day	
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Designated Date Renewal Received for Hearing Reason Remarks Requested

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

